

## Heineman Vetoes Historic Horse Racing Bill

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman has vetoed a bill that would allow machine bets on previously run horse races, saying it would create to a new form of gambling.

The Republican governor said Monday that the measure contradicts the spirit of live horse racing that has been approved by Nebraska voters.

Heineman says in his veto message that the bill would expand gambling beyond what the state constitution currently allows. He says that a horse racing exception in the constitution has always been construed to apply only to live races.

The bill's sponsor, Omaha Sen. Scott Lautenbaugh, has said the measure would save jobs in the struggling horse racing industry.

Lawmakers approved the bill 26-18 — four votes short of the support needed to override Heineman's veto.



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## Daugaard: State Studying Prison Population

PIERRE (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard says state officials are studying why South Dakota locks up offenders at a much higher rate than neighboring states do.

State officials have said 416 of every 100,000 people in South Dakota are incarcerated. That's much higher than the rates in most nearby states.

In an appearance on the Dakota News Network radio stations, Daugaard on Monday said South Dakota should hold people accountable for the crimes they commit. But he says South Dakota may be able to use house arrest, electronic monitors and other methods to cut the cost of protecting the public from lawbreakers.

The governor says it's not a question of whether South Dakota is soft on crime or hard on crime. He says the state has to be smart on crime.

## Victims In Crash Near Flandreau Identified

FLANDREAU (AP) — Authorities have identified a Nebraska woman and a 9-year-old girl who died after the car in which they were riding hit a bridge guardrail on Interstate 29 north of Flandreau.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol reports that 30-year-old Nyan W. Nyuon and 9-year-old Nyagan Athena Lia, both of Omaha, Neb., were killed when the northbound car hit the bridge guard rail, spun and landed on the shoulder of the road that ran below the bridge just after 7 a.m. Sunday.

The women were thrown from the car. A 23-year-old woman who was also in the car suffered serious injuries. The patrol says none of them were wearing seat belts.

## Most Nebraska Farmers Still Wary Of Weather

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Most Nebraska farmers are still waiting to start planting as the early spring gets a touch of frost.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says in the weekly crop report on Monday that while conditions were favorable for planting last week, only a limited number of fields were planted with most farmers waiting for the crop insurance initial plant date.

Temperatures averaged 3 degrees above normal in the western half of the state, while the eastern half was up to 10 degrees warmer.

March 2012 was the warmest on record for the central U.S., which could lead to an increased risk for freeze damage — which could happen this week. A freeze warning is issued for central and eastern Nebraska into Tuesday morning. Lows could dip into the upper 20s.

## Lawsuit: Cell Makers Violated Firm's Patent

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — An Omaha company is suing five cell-phone service companies for allegedly violating its patent on security technology that helps smartphones, tablets and broadband mobile cards access the internet.

Prism Technologies alleges the companies used systems that it "pioneered and patented," even though they had no legal right to do so. Five separate lawsuits in U.S. District Court of Nebraska were filed against AT&T, Verizon Wireless, T-Mobile USA, Sprint PCS and U.S. Cellular.

The lawsuits say the company secured a patent for its inventions in October 2007. The company is seeking royalty payments with interest, as well as a judge's order for the companies to stop the alleged violations. In each lawsuit, attorneys for Prism say the company will "be greatly and irreparably harmed" if the patent violations continue.

The company's technology allows carriers to block users who haven't paid for Internet service, and determines whether a user is on a limited data plan.

## Gun Show Incident

# Re-enactor Sentenced To Prison

RAPID CITY (AP) — An Old West gun battle re-enactor who wounded three onlookers when he fired live rounds instead of blanks at a South Dakota show was sentenced Monday to 7 1/2 years in prison.

Paul Doering, 49, of Summerset made a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to a tampering charge in January. In exchange, prosecutors dropped the original charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm. He had faced up to 20 years in prison for the tampering charge.

Doering and other re-enactors were supposed to feign a shootout by firing blanks during the June 17 mock Old West battle in Hill City. Investigators said Doering somehow

ended up firing live ammunition.

The bullets shattered a leg bone of Carol Knutson, 65, of Minnesota; hit the forearm and elbow of John Ellis, 48, of Pennsylvania; and caused minor injuries to Jose Pruneda, 53, of Nebraska.

Federal public defender Neil Fulton, who represented Doering, had said the shooting was an accident and that Doering was sorry.

Doering wasn't supposed to have firearms because he has previously been convicted of a felony. He had served several prison stints on assault, burglary and escape charges.

Federal law prevents felons convicted of crimes punishable by more than one year in prison from possessing any firearm or ammu-

nition unless the person has had their civil rights restored by the state where they were convicted. Doering's convictions were in Minnesota.

Fulton said that after the shootout, Doering hid the weapons and ammunition, resulting in the tampering charge.

The mock shootouts between lawmen and outlaws have been held for decades in the rural town near the Black Hills. The event is sponsored by the Hill City Chamber of Commerce.

The Dakota Wild Bunch had been performing the show for about four years. The show has since been suspended.

# Police: Mother Finds 3 Adults Dead In Minnesota Day Care

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BROOKLYN PARK, Minn. — A mother who dropped off her toddler at a home day-care on Monday returned a few minutes later to make a grisly discovery: three adults inside, shot to death.

The woman's child was unhurt and no other children were at the day care at the time. Police had made no arrests by Monday evening, and were seeking a suspect in his mid-20s, believed to have fled on a BMX bicycle.

"It's a tragic day for the city of Brooklyn Park," Chief Michael Davis said. "We are going to bring whomever is responsible for this to justice."

Two nearby community colleges were locked down for several hours after the shootings were reported at 6:30 a.m. Both had re-opened by Monday afternoon, even as police continued to search for a suspect with police dogs.

The day care, called Visions and Butterflies Child Care, is licensed to care for as many as 12 children. DeLois Brown, 59, is listed in state records as the license holder in good standing, with no adverse rulings or restrictions. The license is valid through February 2013.

No one responded to a call to the home Monday afternoon. Police did not release the identities of the victims or the woman who found them.

Police spokesman Todd Milburn gave this account:

The mother had just dropped off her toddler, speaking to someone at the house as she did so. As she was leaving the area, she saw a man on foot who seemed to be acting suspiciously.

The woman called the day care and was talking to someone when the line went dead. She returned to the home and found three people had been shot. She grabbed her child and called 911. Police confirmed the victims were dead when they arrived.

Milburn said the woman saw the same suspicious man on a bicycle when she returned to the day care.

Police said they had no information on how many children were typically cared for at Brown's home, or when they were normally dropped off.

A neighbor, Hakeem Hughes, 18, said he heard screaming coming from the direction of the house around 6:30 a.m. but didn't pay much attention because children often played outside the home. When he went to catch his bus to school, he said police told him to go back inside because a gunman was on the loose.

"I'm just shocked about it," Hughes said. "They are good people. They are innocent people."

A few hours after the shootings, police tape was stretched around the house, a gray split-level in a modest neighborhood with children's toys in the fenced backyard. The Hennepin County sheriff's crime lab van was parked outside, and authorities went in and out, carrying what appeared to be evidence to the van.

A small group of people stood in the street several houses down, sobbing and hugging each other.

Brown's LinkedIn profile listed her as follow-up coordinator for Pink Purse Project Inc., a women's and girls' empowerment organization. She worked for nearly nine years in the nearby Osseo Area Schools system as a child care instructor and later child care site supervisor.

Ron Brown, DeLois' brother-in-law, said DeLois had just moved her parents to Minnesota from the St. Louis area. He said his brother, Joseph, died in February, and DeLois brought her parents up to Minnesota from Illinois just last week so she could take care of them.

"She called us a week ago today, to say they made it back safe and sound with a truckload of furniture," Ron Brown said.

Brown said DeLois and Joseph didn't have any children together, but DeLois had some children before the pair were married.

A neighbor, Lisa Johnson, said that since Joseph died, the house had been busier, with more people coming and going. Johnson said she saw a moving van outside Brown's home a week ago.

## Brookings Police Say Woman Tried To Feed Stranger's Baby

BROOKINGS (AP) — Authorities said Monday that a misdemeanor charge was filed against a woman after another woman accused her of coming into her eastern South Dakota home and attempting to feed her infant.

The mother called 911 around 5 a.m. Sunday to report that a woman she didn't know had entered her home in Brookings and tried to breast feed her 2-month-old child, Brookings Police Lt. Derrick Powers said. The woman then allegedly treated the home as her own until police arrived.

"After (the resident) called police, she found the suspect lying in her bed," Powers said, adding that alcohol may have played a role in the incident.

But the 24-year-old woman taken into custody, Rebecca Silva of Brookings, denied the allegations. She told The Associated Press late Monday that she never tried to feed the infant and that she had been invited into the home, saying she'd met the woman the night before.

"I did not break into her house. She invited me in. She gave me her pajamas. She lied to the cops that I broke into her house. I did not try to feed her baby. That didn't happen," she said, noting that she was only cited for unlawful occupancy.

She said she remembered having an argument with the woman, who told police she was awoken by dogs.

Silva was charged with unlawful occupancy, which is a misdemeanor, and released on her own personal recognizance, said Bart Sweebe, jail administrator for the Brookings County Detention Center. A court date has been set for April 30.

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